

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims is intended to supercede all previously filed listings of claims. Changes are shown with deletions in ~~striketrough~~ and additions underlined.

Kindly enter the following amendments to the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A system comprising:

a sports pole having a first end and a second end;

a basketball goal attached to the first end of said sports pole; and

a mounting structure attached to the second end of said sports pole, said mounting structure comprising:

a ground sleeve, said ground sleeve configured to be mounted in the ground;

a support member mounted within said ground sleeve such that said support member is positioned below the surface of the ground;

a bracket attachable to the second end of said sports pole and engageable with said support member to support said sports pole and inhibit rotation of said sports pole when the second end of said sports pole is inserted into said ground sleeve; and

a collar having an aperture and at least one engagement section, the collar receiving the second end of said sports pole through the aperture and the collar being positionable on said sports pole above said bracket such that the at least one engagement section is engageable with said ground sleeve;

wherein said bracket includes a first protrusion and a second protrusion, the first protrusion and the second protrusion being positioned to receive said support member between the first protrusion and the second protrusion and from below said bracket.

Claim 2 (previously presented). The system according to claim 1, wherein said bracket comprises a first piece and a second piece, the first piece and second piece are secured together around said sports pole and joined by fasteners located on opposite sides of said sports pole.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (previously presented). The system according to claim 1, wherein the first protrusion and the second protrusion extend substantially below the upper surface of said support member such that the first protrusion and the second protrusion inhibit rotation of said sports pole.

Claims 5-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (previously presented). The system according to claim 1, wherein the collar further comprises at least two engagement sections of different sizes.

Claims 8-9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (currently amended). A system comprising:

- a sports pole having a first end and a second end;

- a volleyball net attached to the first end of said sports pole; and

- a mounting structure attached to the second end of said sports pole, said mounting structure comprising:

 - a ground sleeve, said ground sleeve configured to be mounted in the ground;

 - a support member mounted within said ground sleeve such that said support member is positioned below the surface of the ground;

 - a bracket attachable to the second end of said sports pole and engageable with said support member to support said sports pole and inhibit rotation of said sports pole when the second end of said sports pole is inserted into said ground sleeve; and

 - a collar having an aperture and at least one engagement section, the collar receiving the second end of said sports pole through the aperture and the collar being positionable on said sports pole above said bracket such that the at least one engagement section is engageable with said ground sleeve;

 - wherein said bracket includes a first protrusion and a second protrusion, the first protrusion and the second protrusion being positioned to receive said support member

between the first protrusion and the second protrusion and from below said bracket.

Claim 11 (previously presented). The system according to claim 10, wherein said bracket comprises a first piece and a second piece, the first piece and second piece are secured together around said sports pole and joined by fasteners located on opposite sides of said sports pole.

Claim 12 (previously presented). The system according to claim 10, wherein the first protrusion and the second protrusion extend substantially below the upper surface of said support member such that the first protrusion and the second protrusion inhibit rotation of said sports pole.

Claim 13 (previously presented). The system according to claim 10, wherein the collar further comprises at least two engagement sections of different sizes.